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TO AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI PRIORITY

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SUBJECT:AMBASSADOR KAUL'S PRESS CONFERENCE

1. WARREN UNNA, STRINGER FOR STATESMAN, TOLD US THAT AMBASSADOR KAUL CALLED IN RESIDENT INDIAN JOURNALISTS MARCH 7 FOR PRESS CONFERENCE. ACCORDING TO UNNA, MAIN REASON SEEMED TO BE DESIRE BY KAUL TO COUNTER STORIES ON INDO-US FRICTIONS DURING PAST FEW DAYS. KAUL MINIMIZED THESE REPORTS AND STRESSED THAT INDO-US RELATIONS REMAINED ON THE UP SIDE. HE TOLD NEWSMEN HE HAD JUST HAD GOOD "SUBSTANTIVE" MEETING WITH VICE PRESIDENT FORD, WHO KAUL SAID HAD ACCEPTED AN INVITATION TO VISIT INDIA. KAUL DOWNPLAYED SIGNIFICANCE OF NATIONAL HERALD ATTACK ON AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN.

2. ON INDIAN OCEAN PROBLEM, KAUL NOTED DIFFERING INDO-US VIEWS, BUT LEFT UNNA CONFUSED ABOUT WHAT POINT HE WAS
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TRYING TO MAKE ON THIS. AMONG OTHER THINGS, HE

APPARENTLY SAID THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER HAD NOT
RESPONDED NEGATIVELY TO IDEA OF SOME SORT OF
CONFERENCE ON INDIAN OCEAN. HE ALSO TOUCHED ON QUESTION
OF PORT CALLS IN INDIA BY U.S. NAVAL VESSELS. KISSINGER

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